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### CHAMPION OF UTAH'S NATURAL RESOURCES RETIRES

Karl Kappe of Utah's Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands has retired after a long and very distinguished career in managing Utah's natural resources. Kappe was the Strategic Planner and a recognized champion of Utah's sovereign lands. Sovereign lands are those lands under navigable bodies of water at the time Utah was granted statehood. They include the beds of Great Salt Lake, Utah Lake, Bear Lake and portions of the Bear, Green and Colorado rivers.

Kappe led the planning effort for the Great Salt Lake Comprehensive Management Plan that was completed in 2000 and is the guiding force in managing this inland water system. Kappe was also instrumental in helping counties in the development of shoreline plans. Earlier in his career he was selected by Governor Scott Matheson to head Project Bold, a visionary proposal to consolidate scattered school trust lands into manageable units.

Kappe was raised in New Jersey, attended Paul Smiths College in New York and graduated in Forestry from Utah State University. He worked in various forestry and fire assignments in Idaho, New Mexico and Oregon before starting his professional career with the State of Utah.

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